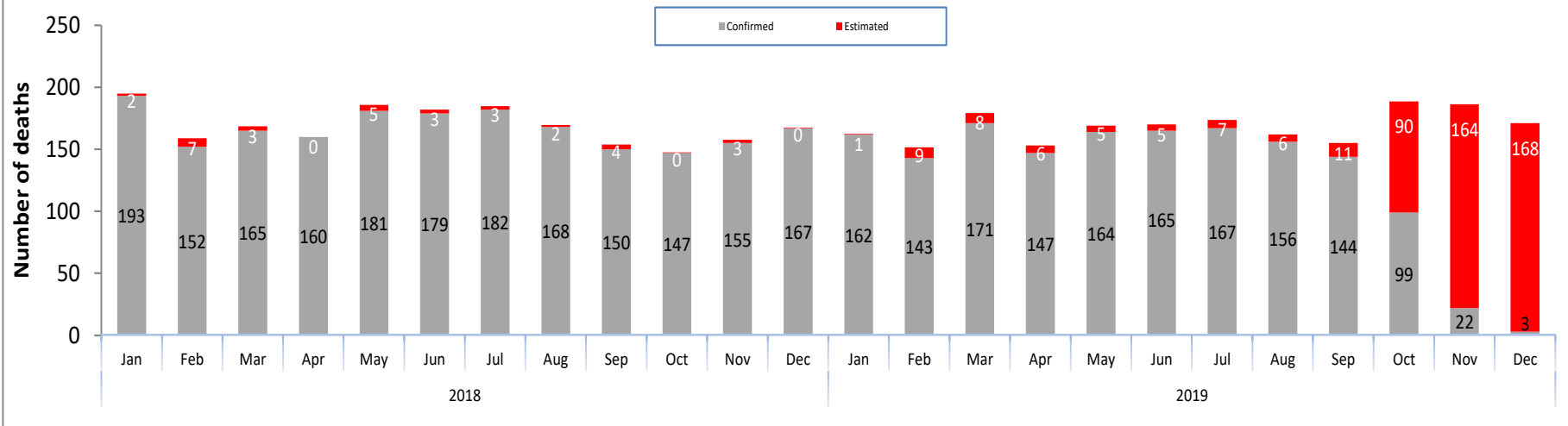




Preliminary data show 2,023 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths in 2019.

**Figure 1. Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent by Month
Massachusetts Residents: January 2018 - December 2019**



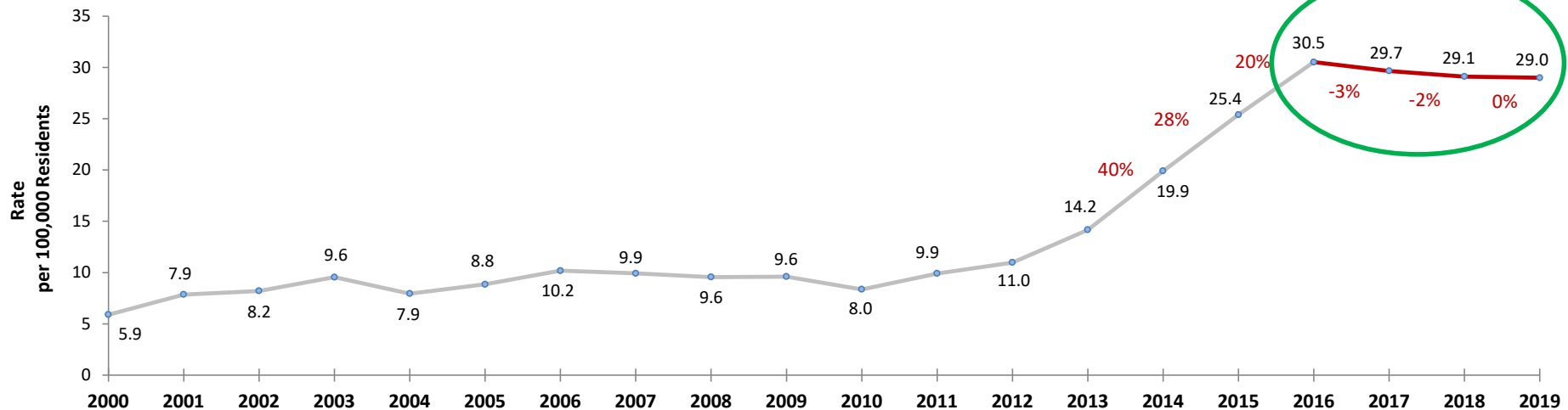
Estimated 2,031 deaths

Estimated 2,023 deaths



The rate of opioid-related overdose deaths has stabilized in 2019 compared with 2018 and has decreased an estimated 5% since 2016.

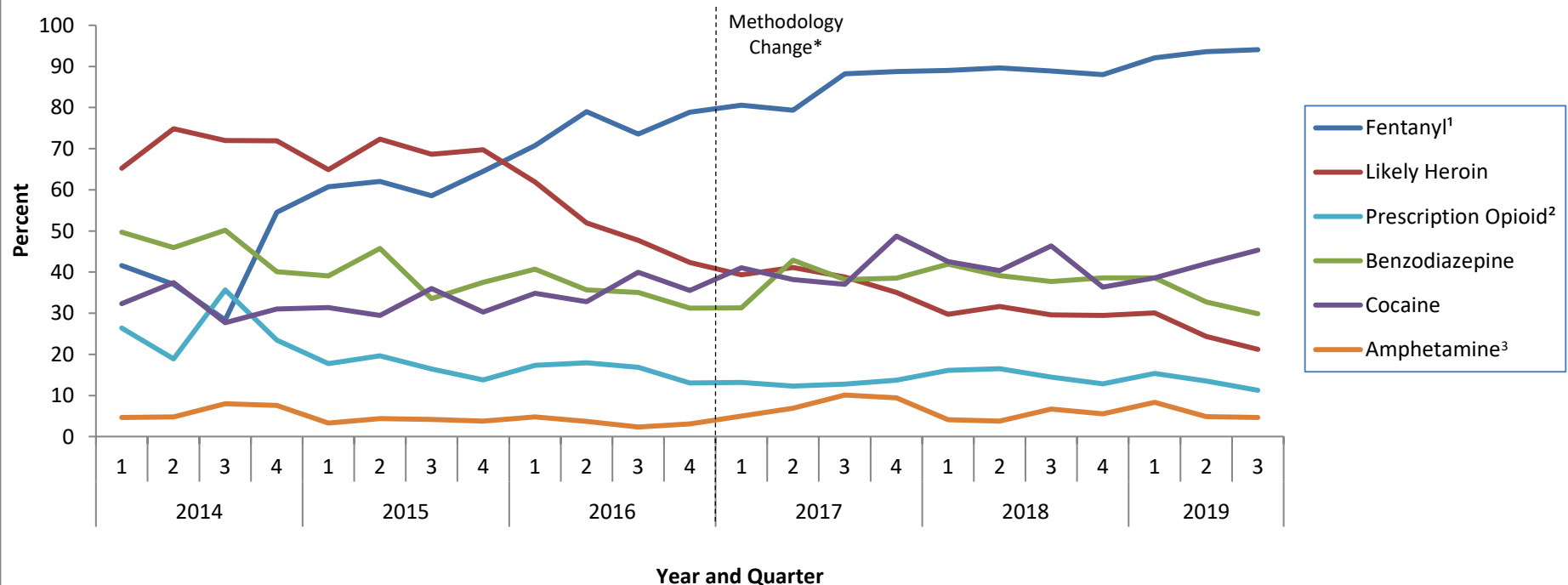
Figure 3. Rate of Confirmed and Estimated Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intent
Massachusetts Residents: 2000 - 2019





Fentanyl remains a key factor in opioid-related overdose deaths (93% present in toxicology screen).

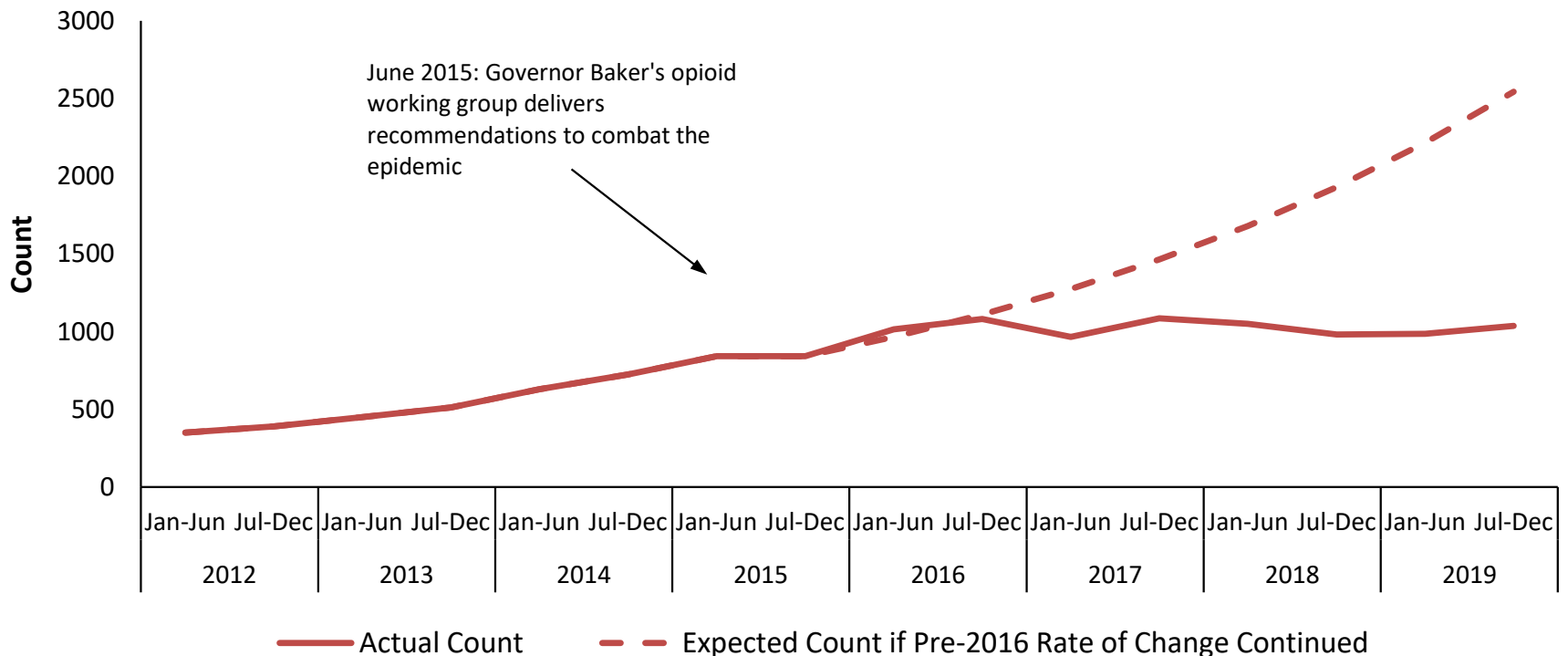
**Figure 4. Percent of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths with Specific Drugs Present
Massachusetts Residents: 2014 - Q3 2019**





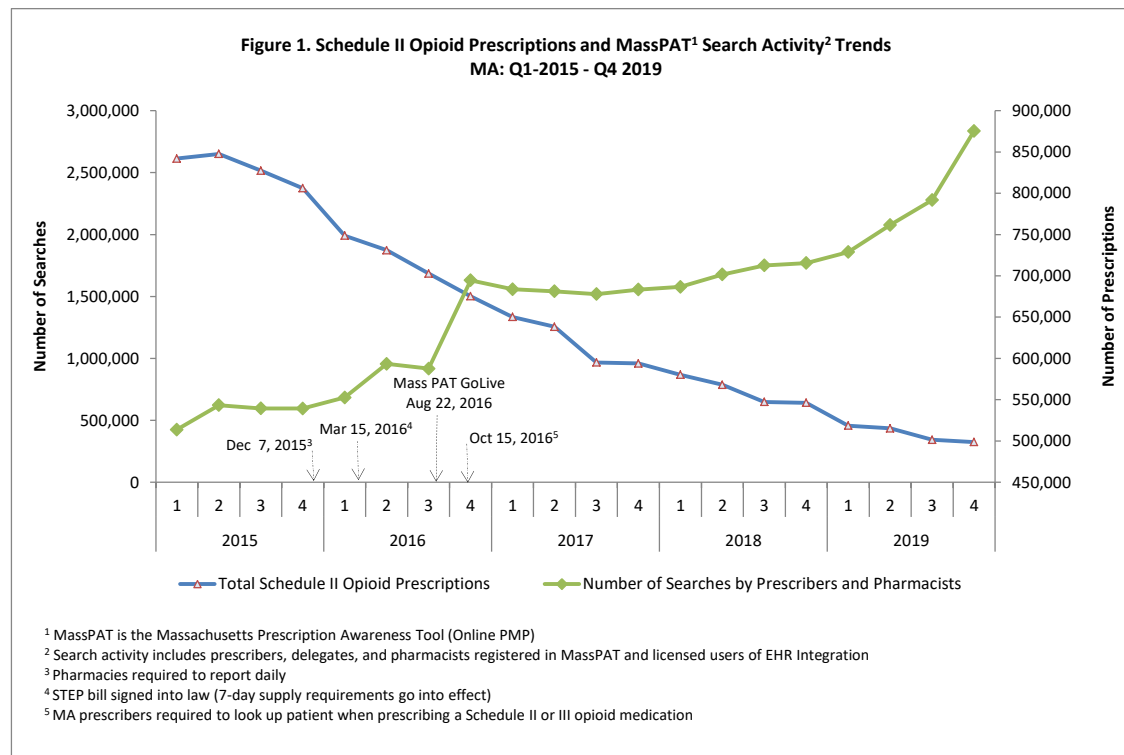
The trajectory of the opioid epidemic would be far worse without public health interventions to address the crisis.

Figure 6. Confirmed and Estimated Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths by Six Month Intervals, Massachusetts Residents: January 2012 - December 2019





Prescription Monitoring Program – Data Trends



- Registered MassPAT providers conducted more than 2.8 million searches in the 4th quarter of 2019, an increase of approximately 500,000 searches since the previous quarter.
- There were just under 500,000 Schedule II opioid prescriptions reported to the MA PMP in the 4th quarter of 2019; this is a small decrease from the previous quarter and just over a 40% decrease from the 1st Quarter of 2015.
- In the 4th quarter of 2019, just over 225,000 individuals in Massachusetts received prescriptions for Schedule II opioids; this is a small decrease from the previous quarter and nearly a 42% decrease from the 1st quarter of 2015.